

AT FIRST ELECTION: 2,800 acres in Somerset County, 1670. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on June 3, 1685, in Somerset County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £199.5.11 (including 3 servants and 3 slaves). **LAND:** 3,350 acres in Somerset County.

**WHITE, THOMAS** (?–1795). BORN: probably in Dorchester County, of age by 1754. **NATIVE:** probably, if so at least second generation. **RESIDED:** in Dorchester (later became part of Caroline) County; Kent County, Delaware, by 1776. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** John White (?–1757) of Dorchester County. **MOTHER:** Elizabeth. **BROTHERS:** John; Edward. **SISTERS:** Priscilla, who married by 1750 (first name unknown) Brown; Trifence, who married by 1750 (first name unknown) Fountain; and Elizabeth. **MARRIED** Margaret (Margrit) (1736/37–?), daughter of William Nutter (?–1737) of Stepney Parish, Somerset County, and wife Elizabeth McClester. Margaret was the stepdaughter of James Peterkin of Dorchester County, a planter. She was the granddaughter of Margaret Nutter (?–1732/33) of Stepney Parish, Somerset County. Her brother was William (1734–1784), who married Sarah. **CHILDREN.** SON: Samuel. **DAUGHTERS:** Anna; Sarah, who married (first name unknown) Cook; and Margaret Nutter (?–1796), of Milford, Delaware, who married on January 28, 1775, in Caroline County, Daniel Polk (?–ca. 1796), who resided in Sussex County, Delaware, by 1783. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1762; Esq., by 1773. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** On March 26, 1778, the Continental Congress issued an order to secure Thomas White and other inhabitants of Delaware who were suspected of being “disaffected” to prevent them from participating in an expected invasion of Delaware. White was arrested on March 26, 1778, by *William Smallwood* (1732–1792), placed on parole on May 27, 1778, and thereafter permitted to remain at his home. White sought the intervention of Caesar Rodney, the chief executive of Delaware, claiming the charges against him were not specified. On April 24, 1778, Rodney wrote to Congress protesting the circumvention of the state’s authority in the arrest of White. One year later, Rodney directly interceded on White’s behalf, requesting that Congress order that White either be prosecuted or released from parole. On August 3, 1779, on a motion by the delegates of Delaware in the Continental Congress, it was re-

solved that Thomas White be discharged from parole. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter by 1755; farmer by 1781. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Dorchester County, 1773 (represented Dorcheser County during the 1st session, convention, and 2nd session of the 1773–1774 Assembly), Caroline County, 1774 (represented the newly formed Caroline County during the 3rd session of the 1773–1774 Assembly); 1st Convention, Caroline County, 1774. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Dorchester County, 1764–1773, Caroline County, 1774 (quorum 1774); land commissioner, Dorchester County, in office 1773. **OUT OF STATE SERVICE:** Convention, Kent County, Delaware, elected August 19, 1776 (this convention met on September 11, 1776, for the purpose of “ordaining and declaring the future form of Government of that State”); 1st lieutenant, infantry, Eighth or Dover Regiment, Delaware Militia, date unknown. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** received 1 slave as gift from father, 1750; deeded 2 slaves as a gift to two of his daughters, 1765; assessed value £81.0.0 in Caroline County, including 1 slave, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 1,379 acres in Dorchester County (391 acres inherited from his father, part of which he resurveyed adding 314 acres of vacant land; 674 acres by purchase or survey). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** owned a total of 559 acres in Caroline County, 1783; probably owned land in Delaware. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: will probated March 11, 1795, in Kent County, Delaware; size of estate unknown.

**WHITELY (WHEATLEY, WHITELEY), ARTHUR** (1743–by 1789). BORN: on May 26, 1743, in Dorchester Parish, Dorchester County; elder son. **NATIVE:** at least third generation. **RESIDED:** in Lower District, Dorchester County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Arthur Rich Whitely (ca. 1706–1771) of Dorchester County, a planter, son of Arthur Whitely (ca. 1652–1735) of Dorchester County, a planter and innholder, and wife Elizabeth Rich. **MOTHER:** Katherine (Catherine) (ca. 1708–1770). **BROTHER:** *William Whitely* (1752–1815). **SISTERS:** Betty (Elizabeth), who married Stephens Woolford (by 1729–1800), son of *Thomas Woolford* (ca. 1699–ca. 1750/51); Mary (1737–?), who married Matthew Travers; Sary (Sarah) (ca. 1739–?), who married John Stevens (Stephens); and Nancy. **MARRIED** Ann (Nancy) (ca. 1752–1802), who subsequently married by 1789 Samuel Hooper (1748–1806). **CHILDREN.** SON: probably Arthur III